

**TOWN OF PRIMROSE
SPECIAL HEARING
LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENTS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008**

MINUTES

1. Call to order by Bill Haack. Instructions and procedures on how meeting would be conducted given by Haack and J. Judd. Each speaker would be asked to come to the front and speak into the microphone at the front. Each speaker would be allowed 3 minutes.

Ballots were set up to be marked "Taxpayer/Land Owner or non-land owner." Non-land owner votes will not be counted but would like to know their feelings on the proposal.

Jerry Judd, Harold Schlimgen and Winnie Losenegger were instructed to count ballots after everyone has had a chance to speak.

2. Presentation of Land Use Plan Amendments by Steven O'Connor and Florence Connors
Connors read proposal and explained what was changed since April and explained how they tried to compromise by putting a cap of 7 new houses per year. "Prime" ag land was removed

O'Connor continued with the fact that a lot rumors have been flying in the township such as he was impossible to work with but he stated that people should come to meetings and hear for themselves what is going on instead of relying on second hand talk.

3. Speakers had following comments

Kris Sherven	We were taught constitutional rights in school which is Government of the people for the people and by the people. Feels that Planning Commission and Board are not practicing anybody's rights and are definitely not for the people
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Alex Elkins	He wanted to remind everyone that there would be a survey going out soon which needed to be returned. He was reminded that hearing was for LUP amendments only.
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Donna Stoll	Rumors are again "flying" that there will be 400 new houses in the town. People are not working together and the people should all get to a few meeting to see what is going on. We need to help each other and need to work with people who
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have lived here all their lives and who now need some help during their retirement.

Chris Oltman	<p>Is in favor of amendment. O'Connor and Connors have worked hard to come up with a true compromise.</p> <p>Should keep farmers farming – no one wants a lot of houses but need to be able to sell a lot to help with improvements.</p>
Mary Sherven	<p>Steve wants to keep farming so the amendment needs to be approved.</p>
Roy Alderman	<p>It is time to let people sell a site for retirement income. Has been a resident since 1961.</p>
Lana Alderman	<p>We certainly welcome new people but if you want more privacy, I suggest you buy some of the farmer's land.</p>
Roger Snider	<p>According to our Chairman, we have lost our rights a long time ago but it is difficult to have 4 acre people controlling everyone's property particularly long-time residents.</p>
Jerry Judd	<p>Feels O'Connor/Connors have done a good job of compromising. Does not want a lot of houses but doesn't object to a few.</p>
Dawn Haag	<p>Before 1994 crossing ag land was allowed but it was taken out during the revision in 1994 and no one knows why. Feels that a good compromise was made in the amendment. Encourage people to come to the meetings and see what's going on.</p>
John Oltman	<p>Steve proposed using a field road as a driveway but still did not pass. This amendment needs to be passed.</p>
Sherri Kainz	<p>She stopped coming to the meetings because of the fighting going on. If it hadn't been for a farmer selling them land, they wouldn't be here and feels amendment should be passed.</p>
Margaret Esser	<p>If we opposed all roads and all new houses, the only one here would be Adam. Connors and O'Connor are not out to take money and run. Their needs are real and people's rights are being denied.</p>

Steve O'Connor	Again urged people to come to meetings and to hear what's going on instead of listening to second hand rumors.
Rick Skindrud	Once again, Skindrud spoke on property rights. Stated that Chairman states that we have lost our rights but the Constitution still says we have property rights. Officials are here to protect our rights but people are being denied their rights.
Susan Schlub	Denying all building means that future generations of long time residents have no rights to the land that their parents and grandparents worked so hard to maintain. We need some building for our tax bases or taxes will be very high.

Ballot vote taken was 87 yes and 12 no. See Comment Sheet posted on Web site for additional comments and a break down of the votes.

Winnie Losenegger
Recording Secretary